



DULCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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To: Parents or Guardians of children who attend Dulce Elementary

Dulce Elementary is working with the New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED) and New Mexico's Department of Health (NMDOH). ONE staff/student in our school has tested positive for COVID-19.

This letter is to inform you about the next steps necessary to protect your child and our community from COVID-19. Per guidance from both NMPED and NMDOH, we are required to investigate to see who had "close contact" with the staff member or student who tested positive for COVID-19. A "close contact" is defined as being closer than six feet for a cumulative total of fifteen minutes or more over a 24-hour period to a person who is positive for COVID-19.

REMEMBER, if you or your child begin to develop symptoms of COVID-19, which are fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of smell or taste, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>), please call your healthcare provider or the COVID-19 Hotline at 1-855-600-3453.

Please continue to send your child to school unless you are notified that your child was a close contact of a positive COVID-19 individual, your child develops COVID-19 symptoms, or your child has a positive COVID-19 test. Likewise, your household members do not need to quarantine unless your child tests positive for COVID-19 or your household members are identified as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 individual.

You may call me Estefanita Abeyta, at 575-759-2952, Heath Assistant, Gail Grimm at 575-759-2924, Mrs. Ina Montoya, 575-759-2953 or NMDOH at (505) 827-0006 if you have questions.

Thank you for your support in these efforts.

Sincerely,

Estefanita Abeyta, Acting Principal
Dulce Elementary School